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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1039

By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to commend Todd Anthony Staley for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Todd Anthony Staley is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for the House Transportation Committee and Representatives Don Ridgeway, Chairman; Joe Fowlkes, Vice-Chairman and John White, Secretary; Todd's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted, as well as staff members Debbie Denning, Dorris Barnes and Greg Adkins and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Austin Peay State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Todd has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; he has a current cumulative GPA of 3.728 and received Academic Honors Awards in 2000, 2001 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Staley graduated with Distinguished Honors from Northwest High School in 1999; at Austin Peay, he has completed the Honors Program, has been inducted as a

member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society and has been on the Dean's List every semester; and

WHEREAS, a Brother of the Mu Tau Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Todd was elected to serve in the Guard position from May-December, 2000 and to serve in the Grand Scribe position from December 2000 - January 2002; he was awarded the Bailey Allen Leadership Award in the Fall of 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Staley has also served as a University Tour Guide, as a University Representative in the Govs Ambassadors, and as a New Student Orientation Leader; he is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society and the College Democrats, served as Senator-at-Large in the Student Government Association from 2000-2002, and has participated in Mock Trial; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Staley brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2002 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2002 legislative session, Todd Staley has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; he gained great respect for the work of Chairman Ridgeway, Vice-Chairman Fowlkes and Secretary White, and acknowledges grateful appreciation for the assistance and advice of committee staff members Debbie Denning and Dorris Barnes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Staley has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Todd Anthony Staley for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the House Transportation Committee and its officers, Representatives Don

Ridgeway, Chairman; Joe Fowlkes, Vice-Chairman; and John White, Secretary and extend to him our best wishes for every future success, including pursuing his goal of a career in law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.